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Pub and restaurant owners request govt not to impose fresh restrictions ahead of New Year

DON'T KILL THE SPIRIT

Crowd control necessary, health experts say

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The pubs and restaurants operating in the city have appealed to the state government against imposing fresh restrictions on New Year's eve to rein in covid-19. Following the detection of the Omicron variant, there is pressure on the state government to impose fresh restrictions. However, no decision was taken in this regard during the recent cabinet meeting where Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai held a wide range of talks with his cabinet colleagues. The CM said he will take a call next week as far as restrictions are concerned.

In this backdrop, many associations representing bars and restaurants operating in the city have been urging the government to allow the business entities to function as usual for Christmas and New Year.

"We have been hit hard since the outbreak of covid-19. Things are gradually returning back to normal. If any new restrictions are imposed at this juncture, it can derail our businesses. Hence, we request the state government not to impose any further restrictions,"

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02 Artful months

The Attakkalari Centre for Movement Arts will be hosting the 10th edition of its signature event - The Attakkalari India Biennial (AIB). After a turbulent two years that saw the performing arts world having to rewrite the rules and stay alive virtually, the Biennial comes at a crucial moment in time – when things seem to be going back to the old ways yet nothing's the same. Given that inspiration is the need of the hour, the theme of the festival this year is Inspire Bengaluru. **When: December 2021-February 2022; Where: Attakkalari Studios, Bangalore International Centre and Ranga Shankara; Tickets: insider.in, bookmyshow.com, at the Attakkalari office and official website: www.aib.net.in**

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Cough-n-cold season's here!

Doctor says hospitals are seeing a 25% increase in daily cases, requests citizens to guard up

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With fear around covid increasing due to the detection of Omicron variant, city doctors are seeing an increase in cough and cold cases. "We are seeing an increase in 25 per cent cases in our OPDs. The cause of it could be due to allergy, primarily due to weather changes and increased pollution post lockdown. If one has a persistent cough and fever for more than three days, it is important to get tested for covid-19," said Dr Vivek Anand Padegal (Director Pulmonary Disease, Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road).

Dr Pavan Yadav (Consultant, Interventional Pulmonology and Transplant Physician, Aster RV Hospital) has a similar opinion. He said, "Due to change in the weather, we are seeing an increasing number of patients coming in with cough, cold, fever, running nose and features of other respiratory tract infections. People with chronic lung diseases like asthma, COPD and ILD are at higher risk of developing significant lung infections requiring hospitalisations. They have to take precautions and take regular medication. The vulnerable population should get vaccinated against flu and pneumococcal infections."

Dr Brunda MS (Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital) said, "This rise in these cases can be attributed to the change in weather and now people have started stepping out more frequently. Prevention is the best medicine when it comes to a cold and cough. While at home, one can follow the following measures like gargling, keeping the body hydrated, steaming, keeping the rooms tidy, using a handkerchief while sneezing or coughing, following health hygiene such as hand washing, wearing an appropriate mask with nose and mouth covered and maintaining safe distance in public." Don't go out unless necessary and stay at home if you are not feeling well," she advises people.

With Omicron cases going up in the city, experts advise people to mask up

> **"People with asthma, COPD and ILD are at higher risk of developing significant lung infections** – Dr Pavan Yadav, Aster RV Hospital

Meanwhile, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that the severity of Omicron infection will be low in those who have taken the two-dose vaccine. The low symptoms off the contacts of the infected stands proof to this. Single dose of vaccine will not provide complete immunity. It develops only when both doses are taken, he said.

The minister urged everyone to mandatorily take the vaccine at the earliest. "In the case of Omicron, there is not much to worry about. Severity of its infection is not seen anywhere in the world. Countries with a high incidence of Omicron infections, including Botswana and South Africa, too have not witnessed any severe cases. The symptoms of this virus are mild. Thus, there is no need to worry. Precaution is essential as it spreads very quickly. Vaccination is necessary to stop the spread. In any pandemic, the second wave is always huge. Hence, the third wave is likely to be less impactful, and there are some historical evidences for this."

We are running out of blood once again

Donations take a hit again as people hesitate to visit camps

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Blood banks in the city have seen a drop in the number of people coming forward for blood donation. While it was slowly increasing in the past two months, now with the scare of Omicron variant of covid-19, fewer people are volunteering for blood donation.

Most blood collecting organisations like Indian Red Cross Society, Rotary TTK Blood Bank, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute and others have noticed reduction in the footfall of donors.

With the reopening of schools, colleges and several workplaces, the number of donors had sporadically increased. However, with the omicron variant breakout, people are again hesitant to come to the camps.

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Victoria Hospital low on blood

Large number of vaccinated individuals not turning up to donate

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The Victoria Hospital, which is now gradually attending to cases other than covid-19, has a daily requirement of 100 units of blood.
However, the blood bank is receiving only about 10 donors a day which is not sufficient. Doctors say the hospital is still suffering from the stigma around the coronavirus. Most people are afraid to come to the hospital for blood dona-

BM had reported in Sept that blood banks at Victoria Hospital's were running dry

Raju Chandrashekar, District Coordinator for Blood Donation Programme for Lions District and State Coordinator for Blood Donation for Indian Red Cross Society, said, "Of late, the collections were improving. But now, the Omicron is causing concern. On Tuesday, a blood donation drive was organised in Chintamani. We were able to mobilise only 81 units of blood compared to the 300 units collected three months ago from the place. It is a wait-and-watch situation."

A volunteer from the Rotary TTK Blood Bank also said that the number of blood donors had relatively increased, but in the past one week, there has been a dip in the number of donors due to the Omicron scare.

Alphonse Kurian from Lions Bloodline said that while regular donors are still coming to the camps to donate blood, new ones are still hesitant. "Camps are slowly starting to pick up, but there is a lot of requirement for blood. Though reports state that the Omicron is not severe, the fear is keeping people from coming to the camps. Due do the reduction in blood collection, thalassemia patients are affected as they require blood transfusion every day. Recently, we conducted a mobile camp in a college and collected 95 units of blood for thalassemia patients admitted at Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health. Many colleges and schools are still not hosting blood donation camps. Even workplaces are not allowing blood donation camps," he said.

To host camps, call 99003 80238; To donate blood, contact Red Cross on: 080- 22268435; Lions Blood Bank on 080- 22200050

Night watchman who was scouting for houses to burgle arrested

The Annapoorneshwari Nagar police arrested a security guard from Nepal who had burgled the house of a central government employee in Mallathahalli and made away with Rs 11 lakh cash and gold valuables on October this year. The complainant Shobha Ananda Bhaktan, a central government employee and her husband had gone to airport to pick up their children on October 8, when the theft happened. The couple did not lock the main door and left in a hurry.

The accused identified as Bheem Bahadur Thapa, who worked as security guard in HSR Layout on a day-time job, and moved around the area in night time to identify locked house, is said to have noticed this and gained entry. He is said to have ransacked the house and made away with Rs 2.5 lakh in cash and gold valuables all worth Rs 11 lakh. The theft came to light when the family returned home.

They filed a complaint, based on which a team of police analised technical detailed from in and around the area and arrested Thapa. Investigations revealed that Thapa move around the house on the pretext of night watchman work in the area and monitored the locked houses. He would approach the house by knocking the door and pressing call bell to confirm if there is any response from inside, before striking. a police officer, said.

The police recovered gold valuables worth Rs 9 lakh, while further investigations are on to ascertain his background.—BMB

Abduction cases: Goon shot at as he tries to escape arrest

The Indiranagar police on Saturday, arrested a 31-year-old rowdy-sheeter who was involved in the abduction of a former minister Varthur Prakash and also abducting and killing an auto rickshaw driver for ransom in July this year. The accused Rohith, attacked Head Constable Syed Moinulla with a machete in a bid to escape, following which PSI Amaresh Jegarkal warned him by opening fire in the air and later shot at his right leg to stop him from fleeing.

Moinuddin and Rohith have been shifted to the hospital. DCP, east division, SD Sharanappa said that the accused Rohith is a rowdy with 17 criminal cases pending against him in and around the city. He was involved in kidnapping Prakash and his driver Sunil from Hosahalli near Kolar in November 2020.

He was also involved in the abduction of an auto driver cum financier in July this year and accused of torturing and killing him as he could not arrange for the ransom. His body was dumped in Tamil Nadu later.

The Indiranagar police arrested nine persons in this case but Rohith was on the run for the past four months. On Friday night, the police got credible information that he was hiding at an isolated place in Challaghatta and a team went to secure his arrest. Rohith and three others were in a stolen SUV and as soon as the police team surrounded them he attacked one of them and tried to escape. The police are now on the lookout for two others who were with Rohith.

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Debates over cocktail

To use the same vaccine as booster shot or try a mix-and-match approach? Experts discuss what is the most effective way to keep covid at bay

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A health worker administers covid-19 vaccine to a man at a city hospital

Karnataka is one of the first States to push for booster dose even as the Centre is yet to take a decisive call. However, this has triggered a debate among the experts on the booster dose. While a few are saying that mix and match should be the criterion for the booster dose, others say that it is better to go for the same dose again.

Dr Satyanarayana Mysore (HOD and Consultant - Pulmonology and Lung Transplant Physician, Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road) said, "The covid-19 virus is showing endemic patterns in our country. New pockets of infection and travel are decreasing covid-appropriate behaviour, increasing the incidence of covid-19 disease. Booster dose has been studied extensively as an observational study in Israel. Some western countries are already administering booster doses. There is a need to look at and implement policies towards booster dosages in vulnerable populations. A European country had administered Covishield to its people, later given some concern, switched the second dose to another vaccine. Mixing vaccines from vector-based vaccines to single shots of MRNA vaccine / DNA vaccine is an attractive practical option. The vulnerable population should include healthcare professionals, renal transplant and chemotherapy patients, senior citizens and those suffering from Diabetes Mellitus."

Dr SN Aravinda (Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster RV Hospital) said, "The ideal choice would be to mix and match because if one brand is not providing adequate immunity against the virus, the booster dose from another brand might provide it."

Meanwhile, Dr TR Hemkumar (Consultant - Internal Medicine, Sakra World Hospital) has a different opinion. He said, "In the UK, there are studies yet to conclude mixing Adenovirus vector (Covishield type) and RNA (Pfizer type) vaccine. Israel and the US administered the same type. Using the same vaccine might be beneficial as it rules out acute reactions."

UK study bats for booster doses

Two-shots of a covid vaccine may not be enough against the Omicron variant, and a third dose or a booster shot is necessary to prevent the super mutant variant, according to a UK study. The study, released by the UK Health Security Agency, showed that a full two-dose vaccination course was less effective against symptomatic disease with Omicron than with the original strain of Covid-19 or the Delta variant. On the other hand, a moderate to high vaccine effectiveness of 75 per cent is seen in the early period after a booster dose.

India yet to take a call

The Subject Expert Committee under Central Drugs Standard Control Organization said covid-19 booster doses cannot be recommended without clinical trials. The panel has sought additional data from the Serum Institute of India (SII).

Serum pushes for booster dose

The SII has sought approval to administer the booster dose of its Covishield vaccine on the basis of adequate stock of the jab and rising demand for the booster shots. Prakash Kumar Singh, Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs at SII, had cited that the UK's Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency has already approved the booster dose of AstraZeneca ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccine.

> **If one brand is not providing adequate immunity, the booster dose from another brand might provide it**
>
> –Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, Manipal Hospital

Top virologist bats for booster dose

Stepping up vaccination as well as booster doses against Covid is necessary to counter the Omicron variant, virologist Dr Shahid Jameel said. "The nature of Omicron mutations suggests increased efficiency of infection, transmission and evasion of antibodies and interferon, an early innate antiviral response," he added.

(With inputs from Agencies)

'Palike ensuring covid-19 is under control'

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said Madhav J, who owns a bar.

S Shetty, who runs a bar and restaurant added: "Business was severely hit last year due to the restrictions imposed. Now, we are hoping to get good business by end of this year as covid-19 cases are seemingly low now. With the talk of restrictions, we are in a dilemma whether to extend any offers or arrange special programmes for our guests. The ball is in the state government's court now."

Meanwhile, a few health experts said that it is necessary to control crowds and hence the government should think of imposing a night curfew from Christmas Day to New Year's eve.

Many companies and associations, we are told, have been urging the state government against re-imposing a night curfew. "If a night curfew is imposed once again, then we have to cut down the working hours as employees have to return home before the curfew commences. Slowly, the BMTC and Metro operations have resumed to full capacity after the withdrawal of night curfew. Any fresh set of guidelines will only be a retrograde step," said entrepreneur S Srinivas.

Meanwhile, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike chief commissioner Gaurav Gupta said both the central and state governments are closely monitoring the covid-19 situation.

"As of now, we have not detected any new cases of Omicron variant of the coronavirus in Bengaluru. We are ensuring covid-19 cases in the city are under control, with regular contact tracing and surveillance. The state government will take a call on the need for restrictions based on the ground situation," said Gupta.

Meanwhile, the family members of the 46-year old anesthetist — one of the two Omicron cases that were detected in Bengaluru recently — was discharged from Bowring Hospital after they tested negative in repeat RT PCR tests. The doctor is stable and the hospital is expected to conduct one more round of tests before discharging him.

Bommai leadership under scanner

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In two weeks' time and as the year comes to an end, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will complete five months in office. The close to 150 days in office has had its ups and downs. He entered office with the clear blessings of the central leadership of the party as well as the endorsement of his predecessor and mentor, B S Yediyurappa. When he assumed office, there was a clear political signal from the central political leadership of the party that the chief minister was being given a free hand to govern and demonstrate his leadership credentials. No rival centres of power (in the form of deputy chief ministers) were created and at regular intervals central leaders acknowledged that he would lead the party in its preparation for the next state assembly elections in 2023.

The pinpricks and minor rumblings at the state level continued to surface at a regular frequency. While his Ministry had most of the faces from the earlier Council, there were important exclusions and critical inclusions. As there were a few Ministry berths vacant, those hoping to find a place decided to adopt a `wait and watch` policy. A few murmurs on unhappiness with portfolios were ignored and in some cases, a promise was held out to soon remedy the situation. Given the support that the Chief Minister enjoyed from the party leadership, it was expected that he would take a firmer stand in ensuring that even whispers of dissidence were firmly addressed. Ministerial colleagues and senior state level leaders continued to make statements on a possible reshuffle and even leadership change! They largely went unchallenged.

The most delicate political tightrope walk that the Chief Minister had to do was related to his predecessor Yediyurappa. The former CM did not have his way when it came to Ministry making and the inclusion of his chosen favourites as ministers. His planned `yatra` after the Ganesha festival to galvanise the party for the assembly elections did not materialize and the former Chief Minister decided to step back and adopt a wait and watch policy.

As the two by-elections to the State Assembly neared, they were seen as an acid test for the chief minister's leadership. The by-elections results did not count as a clear victory for the chief minister. The party lost the seat that it earlier held and that too in the home district of the CM. One now waits for the results of the Legislative Council elections which will be announced early next week.

The focus of attention in the last five months has clearly been on the new chief minister and his leadership style. Given the deep divisions within the state unit of the BJP, it was hoped by the party that the chief minister would ensure greater unity within the party with a clear focus on development and governance. However, not a week has passed without some element of internal contradiction emerging in the party. The factions within the party are each playing to their strengths and hoping to assert their positions. The party loyalists who hail from the frontal organisations are hoping for a stronger assertion of the core identity of the party. Those who had moved to the BJP from other parties over the past two decades (including the CM himself) are seeking to ensure a stronger foothold in the party. The Congress and JDS MLAs who resigned and caused the collapse of the Congress-JDS coalition government and the installation of the BJP in power are unsure of their own future in the party. The chief minister has been consciously attempting to balance and accommodate the aspirations of all factions. As a result, the ever so frequent out of step comment and out of tune response continues placing the chief minister under the scanner.]

It would be interesting to see if 2022 would see a more assertive chief minister who brings together the party and focuses on governance or one continues to notice the frequent pinpricks and voices of discord.

(Dr Shastri is a keen observer of Karnataka politics for the last four decades)

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Final farewell

The mortal remains of Lance Naik B Sai Teja, who was among 13 people killed in a military chopper crash on December 8, arrived at the Yelahanka Air Force Base in Bengaluru on Saturday. The Indian Air Force (IAF) officers paid their last tributes to the Lance Naik at the airbase.

BDA services in 'Janasevaka' ambit

The services of BDA which are currently not included in 'Janasevaka' (a programme initiated to deliver 79 citizen services at the doorstep of people) will be brought into its ambit. Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan said that there is a need to include BDA to bring in transparency. He said, "If the concerned official/jansevaka is contacted on call to avail the service concerned, (s)he will come to the doorstep and carry out the process. This will remove dependency on middlemen to get the services done, save time, energy, and unnecessary money spent in the form of corruption. The prescribed fee should be remitted only through digital payment to ensure transparency. Services will be delivered between a span of 1-21 days." Aadhaar card-related services, Arogya

Health Card, Biometric, Income and Caste certificate are a few among others which will be delivered as part of the Janasevaka programme.

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Heights of apathy

It took many meetings, reminders for BMRCL to start fixing footpaths from RV Road-Silk Board that are too high to climb up or step down from

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It took multiple meetings with Resident Welfare Association groups for the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) to finally start work to rectify an error of design of a tall order -- footpaths that were completely pedestrian-unfriendly along the Metro alignment from RV Road to Silk Board. BMRCL had agreed to complete the repair works on or before December 11, so the good news is that by the time it was to finish, it has begun at least.

The footpaths on the stretch between RV Road and Silk Board constructed under BMRCL in Reach 5 line of Metro line project (Phase 2) have turned into a cause of great inconvenience. With footpath raised to a height ranging from six to 10 inches, it had become too difficult for the elderly and pregnant women to climb onto them and climb back down.

After knocking on BMRCL's doors for months, residents have finally started to see some results. The work has commenced but the height of the footpath is being retained. In many areas, to create accessibility for pedestrians, steps and ramps are being incorporated towards the sides.

For now, BMRCL has begun minor adjustment work like making ramps or steps adjacent to the steep corners of footpaths on the RV Road-Silk Board stretch

"The work is under progress and will be completed. Regarding the height of the footpath, a decision will be taken in the interest of all the stakeholders involved," said BMRCL Chief PRO, Yashwanth Chavan.

However, pedestrians say that these are just temporary fixes. "If the height of the footpaths is not reduced, it beats the purpose of a footpath. By making the footpaths inconvenient, pedestrians are bound to walk on the road and meet with accidents. The minor adjustments like steps adjacent to road corners could get dislocated with the oncoming traffic bumping into it," said Satish Jhadav, a member of Bangalore South RWA Federation. The RWA group Bangalore South RWA Federation had objected to the width and height of these elevated structures and for not adhering to the IRC guidelines. RWA noted that in many places the footpath width was less than 2.5 metres or below and it was more than 1 foot in height. They also objected to how the U-shaped drains were constructed, of broken footpaths, and the quality of the materials being used. The RWA has also filed a complaint regarding the same with the BMRCL MD Anjum Parwez on September 27, 2021.

"We had given a complaint along with a survey of the footpaths to BMRCL. They accepted that there were some issues and promised to get it fixed," added Jhadav. Three months after the first meeting, the residents were yet to see any progress and so they decided to meet BMRCL officials for another update. A joint inspection was conducted on December 6 with BMRCL Engineer and Bangalore South RWA Federation. The group plans to conduct a final survey on December 12 to assess the developments.

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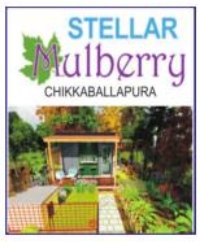

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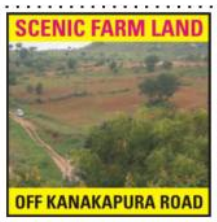

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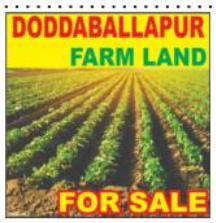

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HEALTH TIP: In order to maintain a healthy heart and a healthy blood pressure, people must limit their coffees to fewer than six cups a day

Peas are a good source of vitamins C and E, zinc, and other antioxidants that strengthen your immune system

BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am a 42-year-old habitual masturbator for over 20 years. I have been married for three years and each time I ejaculate, I experience a lot of pain in the region surrounding the naval and under it. My stomach also feels bloated like a balloon and unless I visit a family physician, the pain doesn't subside. Also, my erections don't last for long. Are there medicines that can help? Do I need to see a physician?
Revisit your family doctor and ask him what the problem is. Ejaculation is not the cause. It is possible that you have a urological or gastric problem.

2 My girlfriend and I are both 21 years old. My problem is that I have a small penis. It is only two-inches-long and when erect, it is four inches. Needless to say, I am unable to satisfy my girlfriend. Now, she is urging me to find a way to grow my penis by two-three inches or threatening to break up with me. I love my girlfriend a lot I don't want to lose her. What should I do?
Whether she stays with you or not, the penis cannot grow. You should learn better foreplay. By this, you will be able to give her an orgasm even before you penetrate. Study about better positions and try them. If you have further doubts, visit a sexpert.

3 My wife is now three months pregnant, and the doctor had suggested that she not have sex for three months when she underwent an early pregnancy scan a month ago. But we have had sex thrice in this period. Can this affect our baby's health? I'm worried.
I don't think it will affect the baby. Now, check with the doctor before going ahead with the act, till she's eight months pregnant.

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DINE LIKE ROYALTY

Little is known about the royal cuisine of Sailana, a small town tucked away in Madhya Pradesh's Malwa region. Go back in time with these age-old recipes that are testament of the town's culture of yore

KORMA ASAFJAHI

Prep Time: 30 mins
Cooking Time: 1.5 hrs
Serves 4-6

INGREDIENTS
- Mutton pieces from leg or shoulder: 0.5 kg
- Ghee: 115 gms
- Salt:12 gms
- Garlic, ground: 12 gms
- Ginger, scraped and ground: 12 gms
- Almonds, blanched and sliced: 25 gms
- Raisins, whole: 12 gms
- Onion, finely chopped: 60 gms
- Red chillies, powdered: 6 gms
- Peppercorns, powdered: 1.5 gms
- Garam masala powder: 1.5 gms
- Sugar: 6 gms
- Green chillies, finely chopped without seeds: 25 gms
- A pinch of saffron, diluted in warm water
- Fresh coriander leaves, chopped: 1 tbsp
- curd fresh and thick: 250 gms

METHOD
- Put the curd in a muslin and hang it for two hours. Then whip it and keep aside. Heat half of the ghee, add garlic and ginger and fry till golden brown. Add meat and salt, and sear it well. Add only as much water that it should dry up when meat is tender. Keep aside. In a separate pan heat remaining half of the ghee. Fry almonds and raisins separately to a golden colour and keep aside. In the same ghee fry chopped onion to a golden brown, add red chillies, pepper corns, garam masala powder, sugar and green chillies, and cook with 2 tablespoonsful of water, stirring well till water dries up. Add to the meat and stir. Add almonds, raisins, curd/saffron and coriander leaves, and stir well. Simmer on low heat for five minutes only and serve immediately.

ARVI ROGANI

INGREDIENTS
- Colocasia (arvi) even sized and peeled: 0.5 kg
- salt in water for soaking Colocasia: 12 gms
- ghee: 250 gms
- onion thinly and evenly sliced: 60 gms
- salt: 12 gms
- Red chillies, powdered: 12 gms
- coriander seeds, powdered: 12 gms
- cumin seeds, powdered: 3 gms
- peppercorns, powdered: 3 gms
- garam masala powder: 3gms
- ginger, scraped and ground: 6 gms
- Curd: 115 gms

METHOD
- Peel the colocasia and cut into halves, lengthwise. Prick well with a toothpick. Add salt in about 4 cups of water and soak colocasia in it for half an hour. Take out and wash well fresh water twice. Wipe out the moisture with a cloth. Heat the ghee in a kadhai and fry Colocasia on low fire till golden brown, remove and keep aside. In the same ghee fry sliced onions to a golden brown. Remove and grind. In the same ghee, add fried colocasia, fried ground onions, and all the remaining ingredients and stir. Cover and put on low flame till the liquids dry up completely. Raw bananas can be cooked in the same way.

LAHASUN KI KHEER

INGREDIENTS
- garlic cloves, large peeled: 120 gms
- alum(phitkari), powdered: 12 gms
- milk: 2 litres
- sugar: 250 gms
- cardamom seeds powdered: 1.5 gms
- rose water: 15 mls (0.5 oz.)

Prep Time: 1 hr
Cooking Time: 2 hrs
Serves 6-8

METHOD
- Cut and discard both ends of the garlic cloves. Then cut each garlic in four pieces, lengthwise. Soak these pieces in deep water for one hour. Throw the water and again soak in fresh water for another hour. In a pan boil about 4 cups of water. Add half of the powdered alum, and stir. Add sliced garlic and boil for 10 minutes. Discard the water. Again take 4 cups of water, mix the remaining alum and boil sliced garlic for 10 minutes. Wash boiled garlic in fresh water. Keep aside. Boil milk till it reduces to half. Add garlic and sugar, and boil till it is of thick consistency. Add cardamom and rose water. Serve cold.

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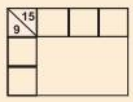
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

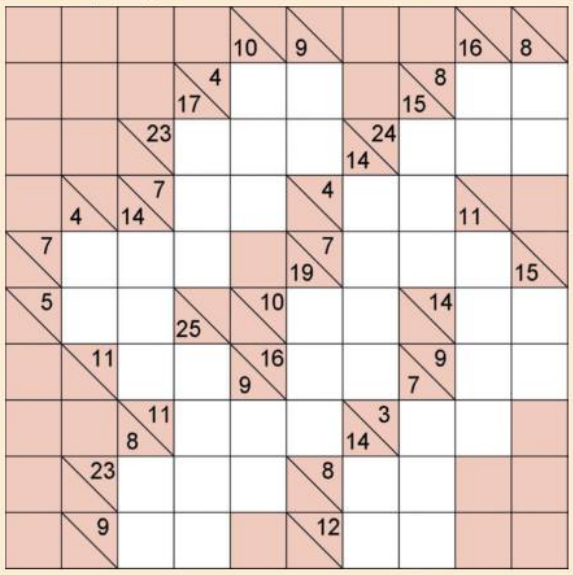
Jim was born exactly 10 years before Mary. How old will Jim be when Mary's age divided by his age is .84?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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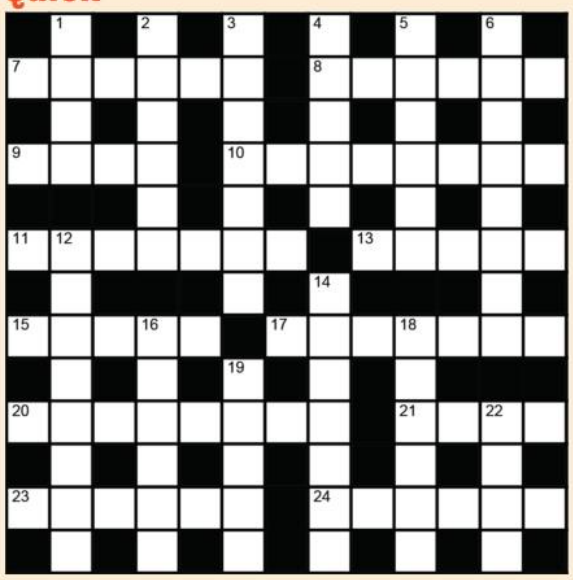


ACROSS

7 Jolly, happy as a lark (6)
8 Categories (6)
9 ___ ___ speak : familiarly meaning that...? (2,2)
10 Flees (4,4)
11 Tabla maestro Zakir ____ (7)
13 Moral values (5)
15 Log, plank or rafter (5)
17 Frankfurters served in buns (3-4)
20 Amusement park on the Bangalore-Mysore highway (8)
21 Japanese wrestling (4)
23 Gummy (6)
24 A pair; two (6)

DOWN

1 As well as (4)
2 Backless seats (6)
3 A major US car-making city (7)
4 Pain or distress (5)
5 Capital of Tasmania (6)
6 Incorporating all the recent changes, in a way (8)
12 How a witness testifies-promising to be truthful? (4,4)
14 Ruler (7)
16 Cut down (6)
18 Field event (6)
19 Calls out like a donkey? (5)
22 Brewing grain (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: G EQUALS D

IUJDQJIQJF NUTYRVZK
GUVRJ'M LQJ HJ HYFTCVJM.

Linemaro

Only lovers will leave a footprint on your heart. And you, my dear, have left one great leap on mine

Mindchow

We should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for

Joke of the day

Tailor shop, Greece: ORDER YOUR SUMMERS SUIT. BECAUSE IS BIG RUSH, WE WILL EXECUTE CUSTOMERS IN STRICT ROTATION

Loop

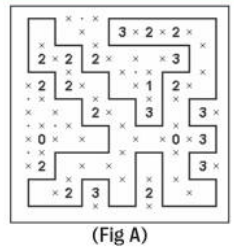
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

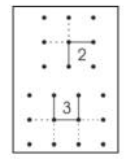
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

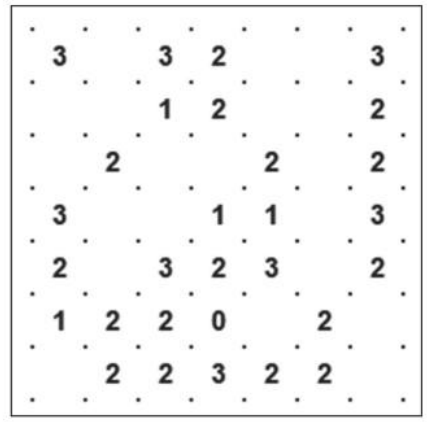
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



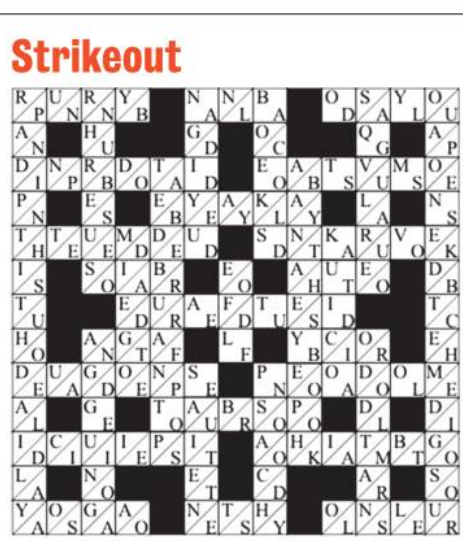
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



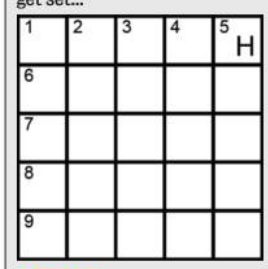
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

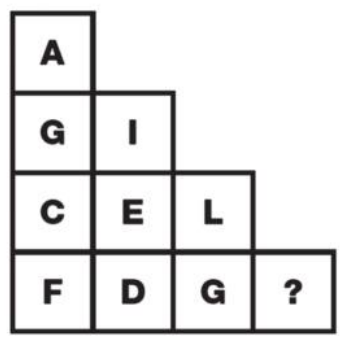
1 Both C; 6 A coho; 7 Rungs; 8 Lu Tee; 9 Smile

DOWN

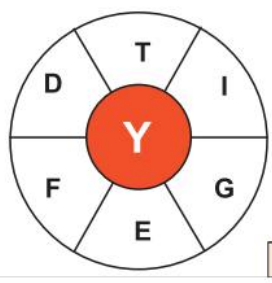
1 Gable; 2 Uli Co; 3 Mr Hut; 4 Cento; 5 Shoes

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

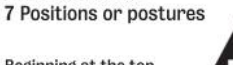
SudokuChallenge

	8		4	7	3		6	
		5	9		6	3		
				2				
2	7						9	4
3		6				1		2
8	9						3	6
				4				
		3	5		1	8		
	1		2	8	9		4	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 6
4 4 5 9

Medium = 25
1 4 5 6

Hard = 53
4 5 9 4

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Money in pocket is missing. 2. Opening in teller window is smaller. 3. Ear is smaller. 4. Dollar sign is missing. 5. Hat is different. 6. Tie is missing.

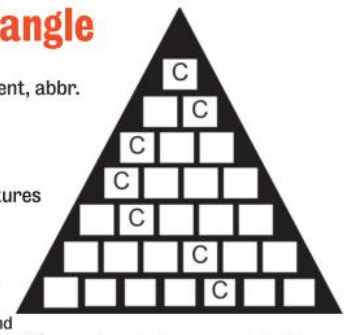
Riddler

For each of the following clues, what is a synonym that contains the letters CAT?

1. Ten-event contest
2. Disaster
3. Mimic
4. Cows
5. Teacher

Alpha triangle

1 Vitamin type
2 Alternating current, abbr.
3 Good mouser
4 Movie players
5 Not plentiful
6 Makes into law
7 Positions or postures



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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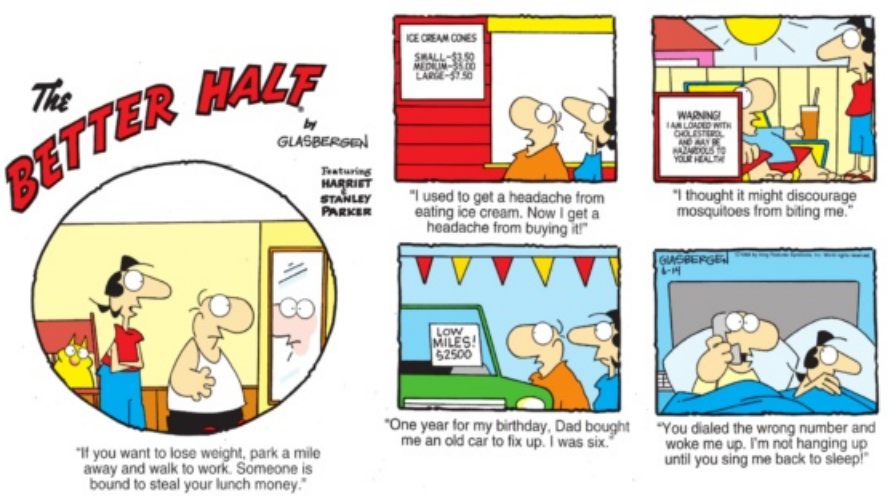
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HOO! HAW! YAH! YAH!
FFT! FFT! FFT! FFT!
YEEAH!
HOOOO! WUAH! WUAH! WUAH!
YA! YA! YA! YA! YA! YA! YA! YA! YA!
THE WOMEN IN THIS FAMILY ARE ANNOYING.

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
THWIP!
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--A SIMPLE DEVICE, MAKING HIM MASTER OF THE CITY'S ROOFTOPS!

WE'LL RACE INTO TOWN IN THE CAR— SO WE CAN STOP THAT ROBOT FROM TRASHING THE PLACE!
I'LL DRIVE...
STAN LEE 7-25 SAMUEL/SINNOTT
NO, HONEY! YOU'VE GOT TO STAY HERE! —AND GIVE US A CALL IF RONAN SHOWS ANY SIGNS OF LIFE.
YOU KNOW... I REALLY WISH THAT DIDN'T MAKE SO MUCH SENSE.
THAT'S QUITE A MATE YOU'VE GOT THERE, WEB-FACE.
YEAH! I NEVER COULD UNDERSTAND WHY SO MANY SUPERHEROES STAY SINGLE!
I JUST HOPE WE REACH THE CITY'S DOWNTOWN—
—WHILE IT STILL HAS A DOWNTOWN!
TO STOP A SENTRY!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
You are blessed by the moon. You may expect to hear some good news in terms of profession. Domestic life will be in full swings of joy. You are advised to avoid getting into arguments on flimsy topics. Overexcitement may test your patience. You can take important decisions on making investments in real estate. Students will be focused on their studies.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You will feel some dullness but somehow you may get back to your work. You may pay extra attention to kids' academics. You may be in the winning position against your enemies and opponents. Investors should be careful while making difficult decisions. Job seekers may find suitable jobs.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may find negative vibrations around you, which may make you unhappy. You should avoid making investments in worthless assets. You may notice that friends may not be supportive today. So you should not expect more help from them, otherwise it may make you more upset. You should make independent decisions today.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel dull, you may face obstacles on the work front. You should keep patience in making investments. Quick decisions in business are not advisable today. You are likely to spend money on worthless items, which may make your family unhappy.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, your hard work may pay off and bring you success. You may plan to go for a short work-related trip. Your subordinates may support you in implementing your business plans. Your opponents may praise your hard work. You may hear good news from siblings.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be able to control your expenditure on worthless items. You may plan to invest capital in a business. You may invest your savings into some real estate projects, which will boost your financial health in the near future. You may be polite with others. You may be able to focus on domestic affairs but your spouse will become upset or will have some health issues.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today may have good vitality and inner strength. You may make good plans and may implement them efficiently but you should carefully read documents before putting your signature. Due to over enthusiasm, you may invest some capital into family business. Love birds shall avoid discussions on needless topics.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is not a good day due to anxiety and restlessness. You may waste time doing worthless tasks. You may plan to visit some religious place to seek peace of mind. You may get some advice from your elders which may show you some direction to manage the messy situation.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you will have a social get together, and will re-establish your network, which will give you benefits in the near future. Those working in glamour, art, fashion will plan to do something new in terms of their profession. Students will perform better today in academics. Love birds will enjoy their happy moments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be busy on the work front, which may make you tired and you may be not able to proper time with family. You may be able to create some overseas networks also. You should be careful in terms of investments. Those in jobs may get a promotion.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, the situation is under control now. Your destiny is likely to be with you in terms of gains in business. You may get some rewards for your hard work. It may be a good time to reinitiate your projects you had postponed. You may expect peaceful religious travel. You may also plan to donate some amount to any religious place or to some charity.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today your moon is not in a good position so you may face health issues. You may face losses in the business or in investments. It is advised to keep off investing. Your gains will be converted into losses. So you are advised to stop making investments in worthless projects. You should avoid being involved in controversies, otherwise it will pull you down.

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MENSA PUZZLE
1. Working through the diagram in columns, left to right, the sum of the numerical values of the letters in each column follows the sequence 17, 18, 19 and 20.

QUOTE UNCODE
Convincing yourself doesn't win an argument.

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
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ENACTS,
STANCES.

LOOP

GO FIGURE
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Medium
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5 x 9 + 4 + 4 = 53

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 # Meet Grindelwald
'Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets Of Dumbledore' teaser gives first glimpse of Mads Mikkelsen as Grindelwald

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Torturous & fun RRRide indeed

NTR Jr talks of how director Rajamouli kept them on their toes all the time in his pursuit of perfection

It may be every actor's dream to work with Rajamouli. But, how is the actual experience for the actors to work with the superstar director? This was the question posed to the starcast of the RRR as the team was in Bengaluru to launch the movie trailer.

To this, NTR replied in a lighter vein, "Rajamouli is torturous as a director. He is definitely not a cool dude as keeps torturing us for better work." As Alia Bhat who is making her debut in south Indian movies with RRR claimed that it was a lovely experience working in the south, NTR stopped her saying that Alia didn't go through 'Halli Naatu' song shoot. Ramcharan Tej added, "Due to Covid rules, Rajamouli took us to Europe. The director was busy shooting other scenes. We asked him why we were taken to Europe. Rajamouli replied that it was not a holiday. For the next 10 days, we were made to rehearse the Halli naatu song for six to seven hours a day..." Charan said such was the perfection that for a step, he and NTR had to perform 18 takes. After listening to the friendly banter, Rajamouli asked them, "Was I ever frustrated during the shoot?" NTR replied, "Each time you asked us to for one more take was proof of your frustration."

Then, it was the turn of Rajamouli to spill the beans of his 'troubles' with the stars. "I faced a lot of problems during the shoot. For example, if I had shot for 300 days, I would have easily wasted 25 days due to their (NTR and Charan) mischiefs. On the sets, NTR would accuse Charan of pinching him. When I questioned Charan, he would feign innocence. These friendly fights would continue for 10-15 minutes and so the shoot got delayed." Rajamouli then turned interviewer and asked Alia to be 'truthful' on NTR and Charan's behaviour. Alia shared, "When I worked with both of them, I realised they were teasing each other and had a nice bond. I saw their friendship was so strong that they were least interested in me being around."

The director had his hands full with friendly banter between NTR Jr, Ramcharan

— Sridhar Vivan

Album art

Katrina Kaif has shared pics from the Haldi ceremony with Vicky Kaushal and boy are they making us tear up at the loveliness of this couple!

Dhanush charts new territories

South superstar Dhanush, who will feature in the Hollywood film 'The Gray Man', with filmmaker duo Anthony and Joe Russo, said that he always wanted to try his hand at foreign films but never expected to be working with the directors of 'Avengers: Endgame'.

Dhanush is part of an ensemble cast of the OTT film, which a star cast comprising of Ryan Gosling, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Rege-Jean Page, Jessica Henwick, Billy Bob Thornton and Wagner Moura.

The actor, who is in Mumbai for some shoot commitments ahead of the release of his Bollywood film 'Atrangi Re', expressed his excitement to be working on 'The Gray Man'.

In a statement to PTI, he said, "It is way too early to talk about it. I loved the experience of working on it. It has been a very good learning experience for me."

Asked if he ever had the desire to be working on such a huge project, the two-time National Award-winning actor said he was indeed keen on discovering new territories as a performer.

"I always wanted to explore new territories. But I was not expecting this to happen. It is an interesting opportunity, which might open new doors for me," Dhanush added.

A family thriller that can keep you on the edge

DRISHYAM 2
3.5 RATING ★★★½☆
- **DIRECTOR** Vasu
- **ACTORS** Ravichandran, Navya Nair, Arohi Narayan
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A

A murder in Rajendra Ponnappa's (Ravichandran) family, and only he is aware of where the body of the victim Tarun is. The matter is now in the hands of police, trying to investigate, but they fail to get a breakthrough in the case. It is six years after the case that the investigation reopens, and the case comes back to haunt the family.

The sequel sees Rajendra Ponnappa, who is now financially strong. Has owns a theater, and has even replaced his old jeep with a new car, and is also planning to produce a film. However, the case puts the family in fear. Will the police succeed in bringing the truth from them? How Rajendra Ponnappa reacts when the police find the body, and what will be the next move, brings in some tense moments, with a convincing climax. What's the opinion about Rajendra Ponnnappa in the eyes of the viewers, makes for an emotional drama, and a thrilling story.

Writer Jeethu Joseph's Drishyam 2 has been neatly adapted to the Kannada version. Despite it being a remake, the film's running time has been reduced to over five minutes. Ravichandran as Rajendra Ponappa brings in charm. He makes for a classic husband and father, who is protective about his family. Navya Nair is good as usual. There is an important presence of Arohi Narayan, who has got an opportunity to act. Anant Nag as a scriptwriter, Shivaji Prabhu, Asha Sarath as Tarun's parents, Pramod Shetty as Khadak officer, have tried to bring justice to the roles. There is also Shivaramanna, Narayana Swamy, Lasya Nagaraj, Sampath, Yatiraj, Krishna Hebbal, Kuri Ranga, Srinivasa Prabhu suited in their roles. The film brings in almost all the actors from the first half, and Sadhu Kokila's humour adds some light-hearted moments.

Director Vasu has brought in the local flavour and gives the audience a thrilling experience. Ajaneesh Loknath's background score and GSV Seetharam's photography lifts the film.

Drishya 2 is a family thriller that can be enjoyed and experienced together on the silver screen.

—Madiri